

Page 5, line 14, change "5D" to --5B--;

line 29, change "54" to --59--.

Page 7, lines 26, 34, 35 and 37, change "18" to --26-- each occurrence.

Page 9, line 29, delete "head support surface 24" and substitute --surface region 26--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** claims 1-30 and **add** claims 31-40 as follows.

1 31. (New) A data system comprising:
2 a data storage card having a data storage medium;
3 a housing comprising a panel;
4 an opening formed in the panel sized for passage of the card therethrough;
5 a card support movable between a load/unload position and a read/write
6 position;
7 card handler means for moving the card between the opening and the card
8 support;
9 a data head; and
10 means for moving at least one of the data head and the card support carrying the
11 card relative to one another, whereby the data head can read data from and/or write data to the
12 storage medium when the card support is at the read/write position.

1 32. (New) The data system according to claim 31 wherein the moving
2 means causes the data head to move along parallel tracks along the storage medium.

1 33. (New) The data system according to claim 31 wherein the parallel
2 tracks are constant-radius curved tracks.

1 34. (New) A data unit, for use with a substrate having first and second
2 edges and a data surface region therebetween, comprising:
3 a base;
4 a substrate support, configured to support a substrate, mounted to the base;
5 a data head drive mounted to the base, the data head drive comprising a data
6 head reciprocally movable along a second path;

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7 a step driver controllably moving the data head drive and the substrate support
8 relative to one another along a first path;

9 first and second data head support surfaces positioned at opposite ends of a
10 second path and adjacent to said substrate support, said first and second paths being transverse
11 to one another; and

12 said data head comprising a data head surface which contacts said first and
13 second data head support surfaces as said data head moves along the opposite ends of said
14 second path.

1 35. (New) A method for reading and/or writing data from/to a plurality of
2 parallel data tracks on a substrate, comprising:

3 positioning a data head at a first position on the substrate;

4 moving the data head along a first data track on the substrate to permit reading
5 and/or writing of data from/to the first data track;

6 repositioning the data head to a second position on the substrate spaced-apart
7 from the first data track;

8 moving the data head along a second data track on the substrate to permit
9 reading and/or writing of data from/to the second data track; and

10 causing said moving steps to be carried out so that said first and second data
11 tracks are parallel data tracks.

1 36. (New) The method according to claim 35 wherein the moving steps are
2 carried out in a manner that the first and second data tracks are curved, constant-radius data
3 tracks.

1 37. (New) The method according to claim 35 wherein the repositioning step
2 is carried out by moving the data head in a direction generally perpendicular to the first data
3 tracks.

1 38. (New) The method according to claim 36 wherein the moving steps are
2 carried out in a manner that the first and second data tracks are straight data tracks.

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